



Ecola Park As Seen From Chapman Point

Explorer Clark Visited at Ecola State Park in 1806

Capt. William Clark, of Lewis and Clark, on January 8, 1806, is credited with being the first white man to ascend Tillamook Head and look southward to see Ecola Point and the area along this part of the Oregon coast.

While standing on the high open viewpoint, which the explorers named in their journals "Clark's Point of View," Clark was entranced by the excellent natural mural that was before him.

His purpose for traveling southward from Fort Clatsop was to obtain whale blubber from one of the large mammals which had washed ashore south of Ecola Park on the present Cannon Beach.

Many of the off-shore rocks in the Cannon Beach-Ecola Park area are proof of a former coastline, which has been worn down through the centuries.



Deer Roam Ecola Park at Will

State Parks Administration, Closing Times and Seasons

Oregon State Parks are under the administration of the Oregon State Highway Commission. There are over 160 areas under supervision and maintenance. They range in size from small waysides to areas of thousands of acres.

Park Season—Generally State Parks never are closed to the public. This is especially true along the Oregon Coast. However, weather conditions govern whether facilities may be made available for use. Along the Oregon Coast closures would be for a comparatively short period as compared with the colder eastern section of the state. Electricity for public buildings and for the operation of electric cooking stoves is shut off in the fall and stoves stored for the winter season. Some picnic tables also are stored. Ecola Park has a park foreman on duty.

Overnight Camping—Season varies somewhat among Oregon State Parks having such facilities. (No overnight camping area at Ecola State Park). Generally, the season is from May into October. Weather and public demand are accountable for, a variation of opening and closing dates. Overnight camps that have showers and laundry facilities have these accommodations in a utility building. Hot water is provided for showers and laundering. The laundry room has electrical outlets for ironing, wash tub and ironing board. A nominal charge is made for each camp per night with time limit of one week.

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Looking Southward from Ecola State Park



So that all may have full and pleasant use of State Park areas year-in and year-out, certain regulations have been set forth. Listed here are some regulations which most affect the average park patron.

Fire Precautions—Most important of these stipulates that fires shall not be built, except in the camp stoves or fireplaces provided. However, gasoline or oil camp stoves may be used, with proper precautions, in established campsites or picnic areas where other stoves are provided. All fires shall be extinguished by their users before leaving a park area.

Firearms Prohibited—It is also important to remember that all park areas are game refuges and that it is unlawful to molest, injure or kill any bird or mammal or disturb its habitat in a State Park. Use of firearms is prohibited.

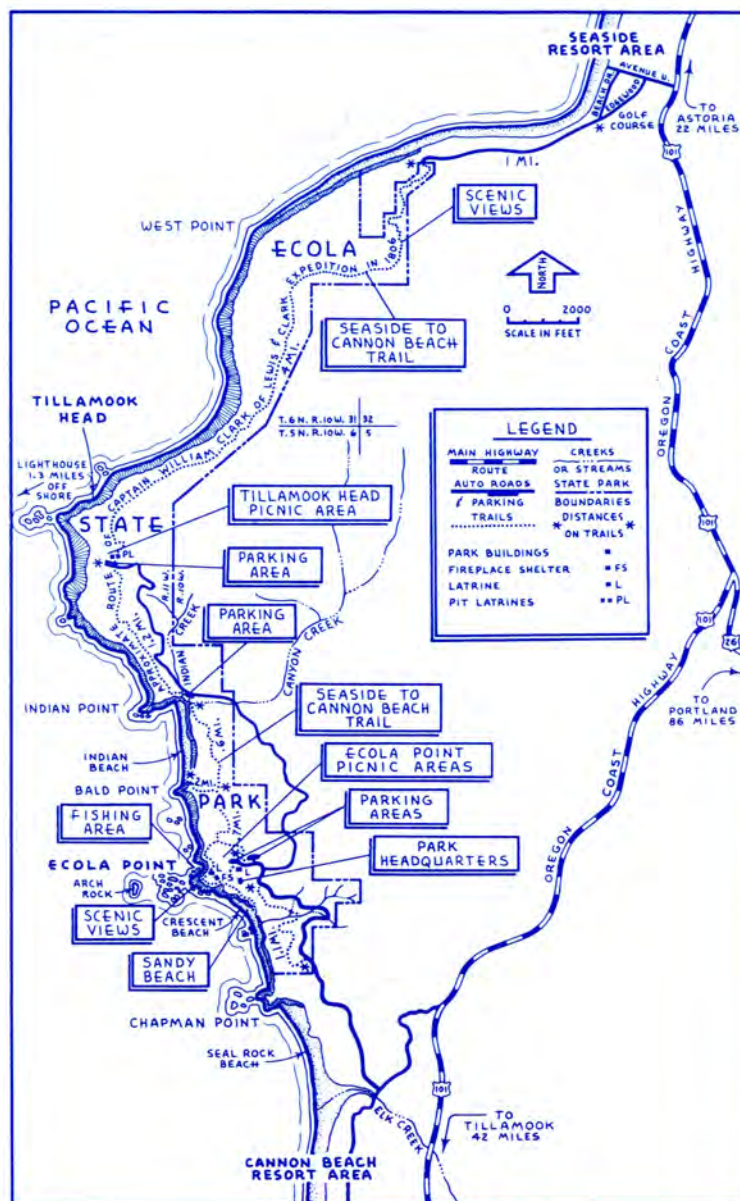
Protect Flowers, Buildings—It is unlawful to pick flowers, foliage, or cut, break, dig up or in any way mutilate any tree, shrub, plant, or fern, or burn, cut or mutilate any railing, building, seat, fence, or other structure within a state park area.

Fishing is permitted in state parks to all licensed anglers, subject to Oregon State Game Commission regulations.

Dogs and Pets on Leash Allowed—Dogs and other pets shall be allowed in State Parks as long as they are kept on leash, or confined in a vehicle.

Parking—Automobiles, trailers, or other vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas.

Most Important of all—enjoy Oregon's State Parks—and leave them clean for others to enjoy!



Here Are Facilities Available at Ecola State Park

Ecola State Park has an area of over 1,100 acres, with a shore frontage of six miles and some fine sea views. In the park are eight trail overlooks and 1¼ miles of trails plus a 7½ mile trail extending from a point north of Cannon Beach near the south boundary line of the park to Tillamook Head south of Seaside.

Early season is best for razor clamming at Crescent and Indian Beaches—also for butter clams below Ecola



One of Ecola Park's Prime Picnic Areas

Facts About Ecola Park

Ecola State Park is approached from the north limits of Cannon Beach, off U. S. 101, and via a park road which winds through some beautiful coastal forest. The present park area extends all the way from Tillamook Head, south of Seaside, to Chapman Point, just north of Cannon Beach.

The park was named for Ecola Creek, (the Indian word for whale), which was, in turn, named by Capt. William Clark during the Lewis and Clark exploration in the area, 1805-06. Ecola Creek subsequently has been named Elk Creek and runs through the town of Cannon Beach, emptying into the ocean just south of Chapman Point.

Point. The season is usually short for clamming in the park.

Visitors obtain good views of sea lion and bird rookeries on off-shore rocks such as Arch Rock. Deer roam the park at will.

There are picnic facilities and parking space both at Ecola Point and Tillamook Head. Ecola Point area has a shelter building with fireplace.

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